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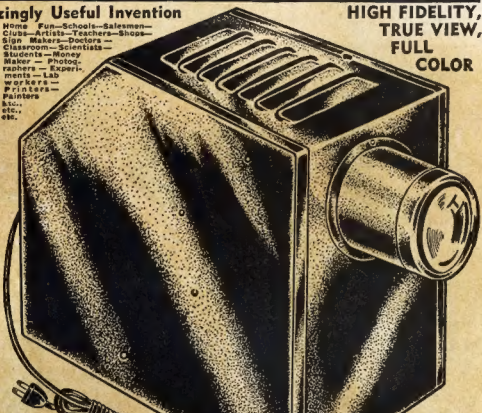
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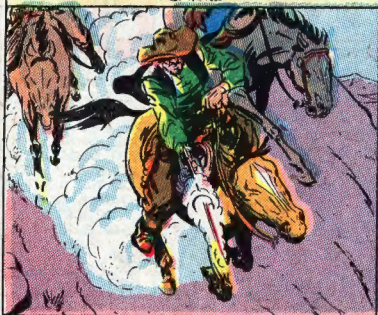
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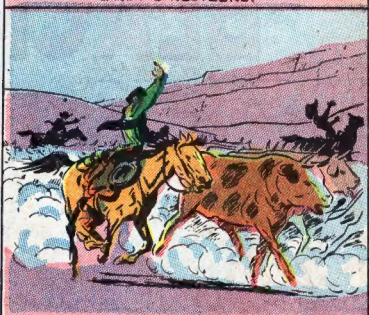
A BAND OF HORSEMEN WATCH WITH GREEDY, MURDEROUS EYES AS A HERD OF CATTLE, GUARDED ONLY BY A FEW LONELY RIDERS, GRAZE PEACEFULLY IN THE VALLEY BELOW...



A SHARP COMMAND FROM THE LEADER OF THE GANG, AND THE HORSEMEN SWEEP DOWN UPON THE HERD...THEIR GUNS SPITTING FLAMES OF ORANGE DEATH...



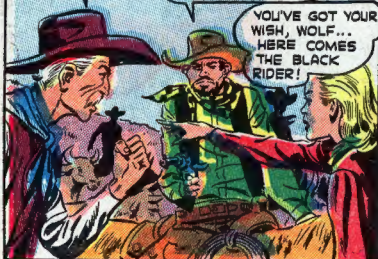
THE ATTACK IS BRIEF... BUT VICIOUS... AS THE CATTLE ARE ROUNDED UP BY THE MOST DREADED OUTLAWS OF THE RANGE--WOLF CARRIFF'S RUSTLERS!



YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS CATTLE RUSTLING, WOLF! THIS IS THE BLACK RIDER'S TERRITORY!

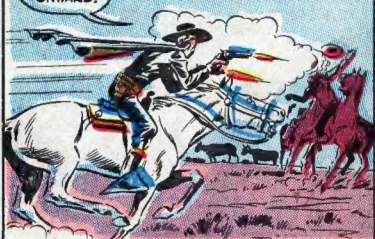
I KIN GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING! THE BLACK RIDER MIGHT SCARE OTHERS BUT HE AIN'T SCARIN' WOLF CARRIFF! I WISH HE'D SHOW UP NOW--I'D FIX HIM!

YOU'VE GOT YOUR WISH, WOLF... HERE COMES THE BLACK RIDER!



OUT OF THE BLUE, MOUNTED ON HIS GREAT HORSE, SATAN, HIS GUNS SPITTING TONGUES OF FLAME, THUNDERS THE BLACK RIDER... AND FROM HIS LIPS PEALS THE CLARION CALL THAT STRIKES TERROR TO THE HEARTS OF WESTERN BADMEN!

YAHOO, SATAN... ONWARD!



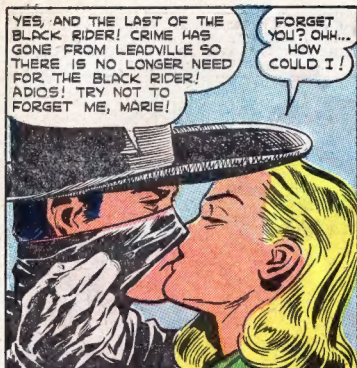
THE BIG BLACK GUNS BARK THEIR MESSAGE OF DOOM, AND IN A FEW DEADLY, ACTION-PACKED MINUTES THE VICIOUS BATTLE IS OVER!

I RECKON THAT ENDS IT!

YOU'VE SAVED OUR HERD AND US! I KNEW YOU'D COME... YOU'VE NEVER FAILED US!

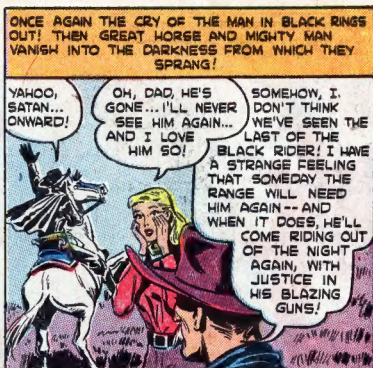
THAT WAS THE LAST OF THE BADMEN IN LEADVILLE BASIN!





YES, AND THE LAST OF THE BLACK RIDER! CRIME HAS GONE FROM LEADVILLE SO THERE IS NO LONGER NEED FOR THE BLACK RIDER! ADIOS! TRY NOT TO FORGET ME, MARIE!

FORGET YOU? OH... HOW COULD I!

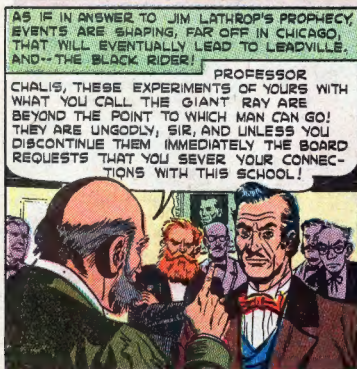


ONCE AGAIN THE CRY OF THE MAN IN BLACK RINGS OUT! THEN GREAT HORSE AND MIGHTY MAN VANISH INTO THE DARKNESS FROM WHICH THEY SPRANG!

YAHOO, SATAN... ONWARD!

OH, DAD, HE'S GONE... I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN... AND I LOVE HIM SO!

SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK YOU'VE SEEN THE LAST OF THE BLACK RIDER! I HAVE A STRANGE FEELING THAT SOMEDAY THE RANGE WILL NEED HIM AGAIN--AND WHEN IT DOES, HE'LL COME RIDING OUT OF THE NIGHT AGAIN, WITH JUSTICE IN HIS BLAZING GUNS!



AS IF IN ANSWER TO JIM LATHROP'S PROPHECY, EVENTS ARE SHAPING, FAR OFF IN CHICAGO, THAT WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO LEADVILLE, AND--THE BLACK RIDER!

PROFESSOR CHALIS, THESE EXPERIMENTS OF YOURS WITH WHAT YOU CALL THE GIANT RAY ARE BEYOND THE POINT TO WHICH MAN CAN GO! THEY ARE UNGODLY, SIR, AND UNLESS YOU DISCONTINUE THEM IMMEDIATELY THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT YOU SEVER YOUR CONNECTIONS WITH THIS SCHOOL!



YOU FOOLS, YOU ARE STILL LIVING IN THE DARK AGES! THE GIANT RAY IS THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF THE AGE! WITH IT MAN CAN CONTROL BODILY GROWTH... I CAN MAKE GIANTS OUT OF ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN! AND YOU ASK ME TO GIVE IT UP? ...NEVER!



YOU'RE MAD, CHALIS! THIS RAY OF YOURS COULD DESTROY MANKIND--WE ARE NOT READY YET TO COPE WITH IT! WE'LL STOP YOU IF WE HAVE TO IMPRISON YOU IN AN INSTITUTION TO DO IT!



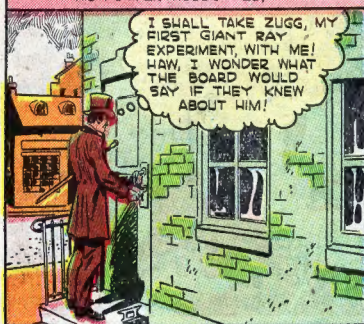
YOU'LL NEVER STOP ME! MY NAME WILL GO DOWN IN THE ANNALS OF HISTORY AS THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIST IN THE WORLD! THIS YOU WILL NOT TAKE FROM ME! GOOD-BYE, GENTLEMEN... GO BACK TO YOUR MUSTY VOLUMES!



I MUST GET AWAY... FAR ENOUGH AWAY SO THAT THEY CAN'T STOP ME... SOME PLACE WHERE THERE'S ROOM... WHERE I'LL HAVE PRIVACY TO DEVELOP MY GIANT RAY WITHOUT INTERFERENCE! I'LL GO WEST... THAT'S IT... TO THE GREAT PLAINS COUNTRY! THEY'LL NEVER FIND ME THERE!

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THE PROFESSOR HURRIES HOME, EMBITTERED AND EAGER TO BE GONE OUT OF REACH OF HIS FORMER ASSOCIATES!



TOO LATE-- THEY'RE DEAD! THE BOARD MUST HAVE HAD THESE MEN READY TO ARREST ME AND DESTROY MY LABORATORY, KNOWING THAT I WOULD REFUSE TO GIVE UP MY EXPERIMENTS! NOW I MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY... VANISH COMPLETELY!



HELP ME DISMANTLE THIS APPARATUS, ZUGG! YOU ARE GOING TO BE THE PROBLEM, ZUGG... HOW TO TAKE YOU WITH ME! SOMEHOW I'LL MANAGE... I CAN'T LEAVE BEHIND THE FIRST LIVING PROOF THAT MY GIANT RAY TURNS MEN INTO GIANTS, AT THE SAME TIME AS IT TURNS THEM INTO SLAVISH MORONS!



AS THE SHADOWS OF NIGHT FALL, THE SCIENTIST AND HIS MONSTROUS COMPANION STEAL AWAY FROM THE CITY AND HEAD WEST, TOWARD THE GREAT PLAINS AND THE OBLIVION OF THE PRAIRIE!



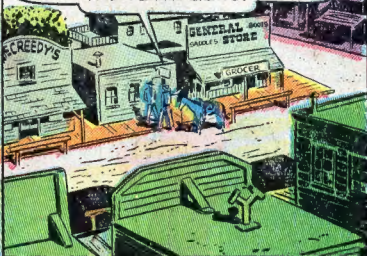
SIX MONTHS LATER, IN THE LITTLE WESTERN TOWN OF LEADVILLE, NEAR THE BORDER...

YES, I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM BUT HAVEN'T MET HIM YET, JIM!

THANKS, DOC, YOU SURE DID A NIFTY JOB ON THIS CHEEK OF MINE! SAY, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THAT NEW NEIGHBOR OF OURS?



HE SETTLED A FEW MILES FROM MY BOSS'S SPREAD, THE LATHROP RANCH! BUILT THE DANGDEST PLACE YOU EVER SEEN, WITH A BIG HIGH WALL AROUND IT, AND DON'T WELCOME VISITORS...NOT THAT ANY OF THE BOYS WOULD GO NEAR IT...TOO MANY STRANGE SOUNDS AND FUNNY LIGHTS!



HEY, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL... HERE COMES THAT JASPER, PROFESSOR CHALIS, NOW! AND LOOK WHO HE'S RIDIN' WITH-- THE BOSS'S DAUGHTER, MARIE!



IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE MEETING AND RIDING WITH YOU, MARIE!

I'VE ENJOYED IT TOO, PROFESSOR-- DROP BY THE RANCH ANY TIME!

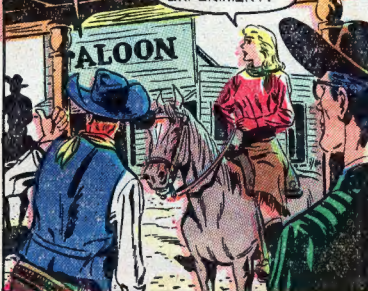


THE SMILE MARIE LATHROP GIVES THE PROFESSOR EATS INTO THE HEART OF DOCTOR MASTERS! HE WEARS HIS HEART ON HIS SLEEVE FOR THIS GIRL, WHO DISDAINS HIM BECAUSE OF HIS SEEMING LACK OF COURAGE-- THE MEASURE OF A MAN'S WORTH IN THE WEST!



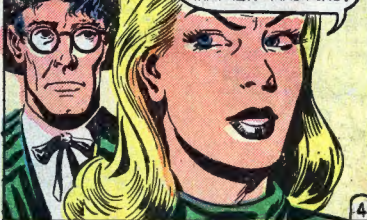
HOW DID YOU MEET UP WITH HIM, MISS MARIE?

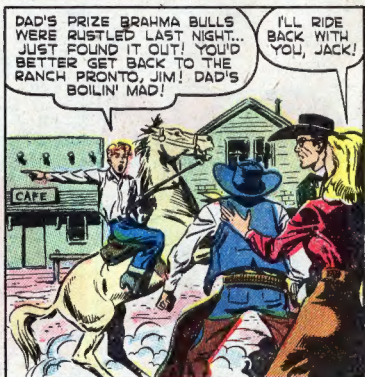
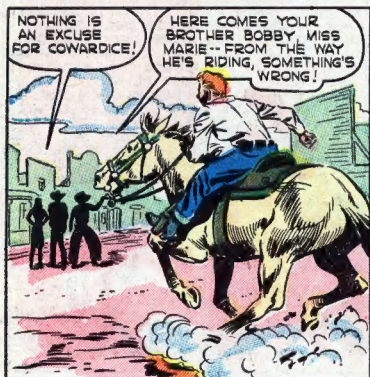
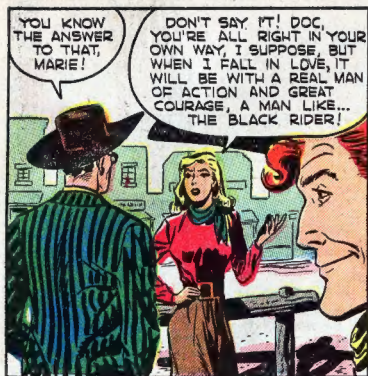
HE CAME TO THE RANCH YESTERDAY TO GET A YOUNG WOLF THE BOYS HAD CAUGHT... TO USE IN SOME KIND OF EXPERIMENT!

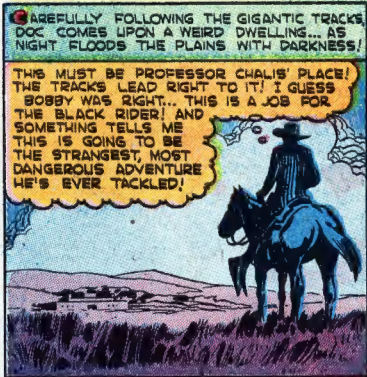
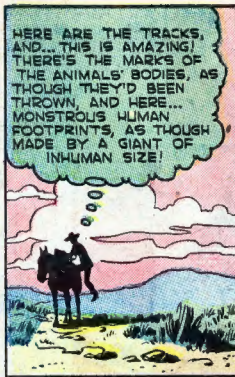


HE SEEMS TO BE A STRANGE MAN, MARIE! PERHAPS YOU SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM BEFORE YOU GO RIDING WITH HIM!

THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT HIM! HE'S HANDSOME AND INTERESTING... DIFFERENT FROM THE MEN AROUND HERE! ANYHOW, WHO ARE YOU TO TELL ME WHO TO RIDE WITH, DOCTOR MATHEW MASTERS?







AS HIS MASTER'S VOICE RINGS OUT, A CHANGE COMES OVER THE DOC'S PLODDING NAG! HIS NECK ARCHES, HIS EYES FLASH, AND IN A MOMENT HE BECOMES SATAN, THE GREAT THOROUGH-BRED, FIT MOUNT FOR THE MIGHTY MAN IN BLACK!

YAHOO, SATAN... ONWARD!



THERE'S A DOOR... LET'S HOPE IT'S NOT LOCKED!



IT'S GIVING!



IT OPENS INTO A DEN OF SOME KIND!... A WOLF! IT'S AS BIG AS A HORSE!



I'VE GOT TO HIT A VITAL SPOT, PRONTO, OR THIS WILL BE THE END OF THE BLACK RIDER!



THE HUGE BEAST HURLS HIMSELF AT THE BLACK RIDER AS SEARING LEAD SEEKS ITS HEART!



THAT DID IT... PIERCED HIS HEART! WHEW, I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE HIM... MUST WEIGH A THOUSAND POUNDS!

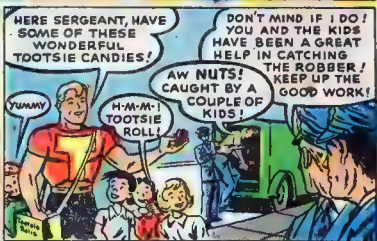
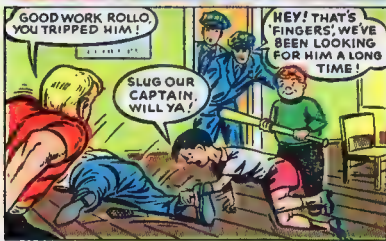
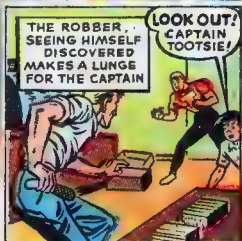
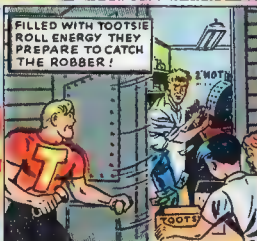
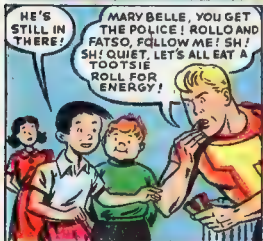
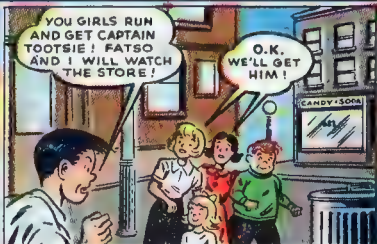
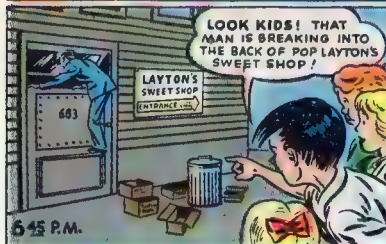


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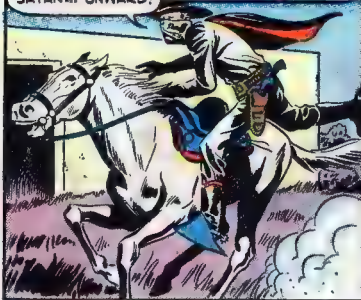
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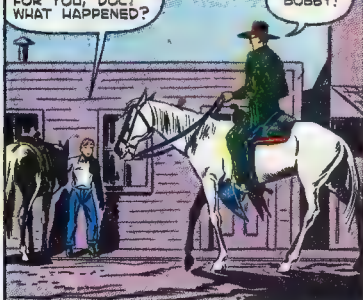
THOSE SHOTS ALERTED THE PROFESSOR--NO CHANCE OF GETTING IN NOW! ANYWAY, THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE THAT DOC MASTERS CAN DO BETTER THAN THE BLACK RIDER! YAHOO, SATAN... ONWARD!



★ SHORT TIME LATER, DOC MASTERS COMES PLODDING BACK TO LEADVILLE!

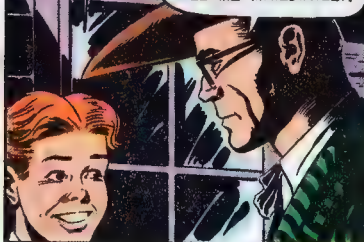
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, DOC! WHAT HAPPENED?

PLENTY, BOBBY!



DID YOU... I MEAN, DID THE BLACK RIDER COME TO LIFE AGAIN?

YES, BOBBY! I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO--NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! YOU HIT BACK TO THE RANCH AND STICK CLOSE TO YOUR SISTER... IF ANYTHING HAPPENS THAT'S STRANGE, COME TELL ME IMMEDIATELY!



THOSE BEAMS OF LIGHT THAT JIM DESCRIBED, AND THAT GIGANTIC WOLF... IT SEEMS TO ME SCIENTIST DUVAL WROTE SOMETHING... AH, HERE'S THE BOOK!

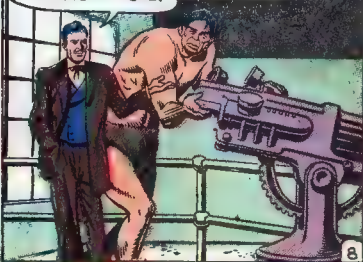


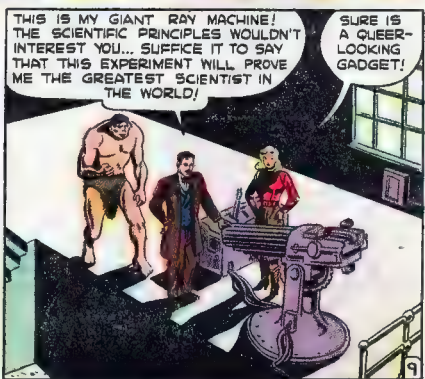
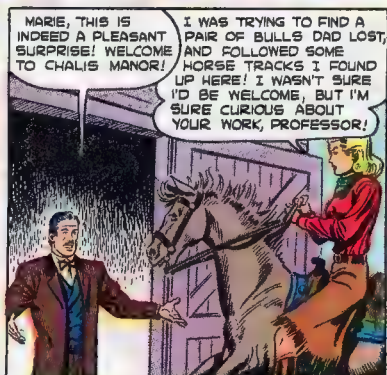
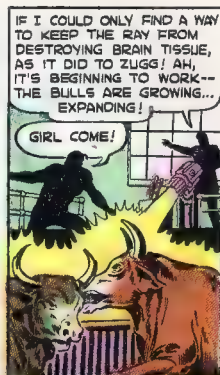
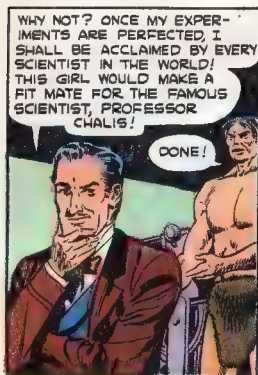
YES, HERE IT IS--DUVAL'S THEORY ON CONTROL OF CELL GROWTH AS AFFECTED BY PRISMIC LIGHT RAYS! THIS PROFESSOR CHALIS MUST HAVE FOUND THE WAY TO MAKE DUVAL'S THEORIES ACTUALLY POSSIBLE!

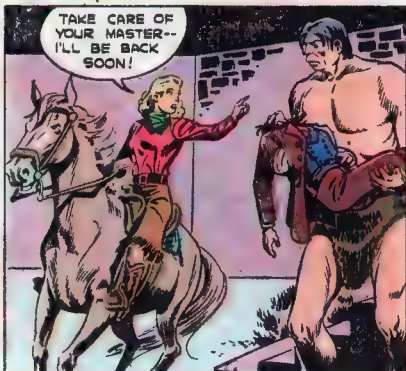
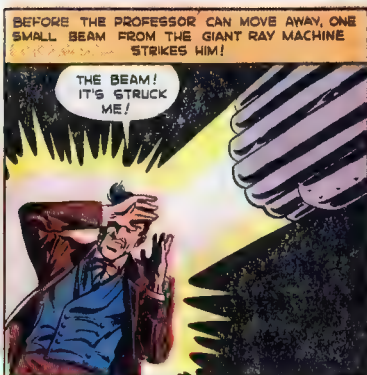


★ DOC MASTERS PORES OVER THE VOLUME, PROFESSOR CHALIS CONTINUES WITH HIS GIANT RAY EXPERIMENTS!

TURN IT TOWARD THE BULLS, ZUGG! HMM, THAT GIRL, MARGIE... A BEAUTY, UNSPOILED... HAW, I BELIEVE I'M FALLING IN LOVE!



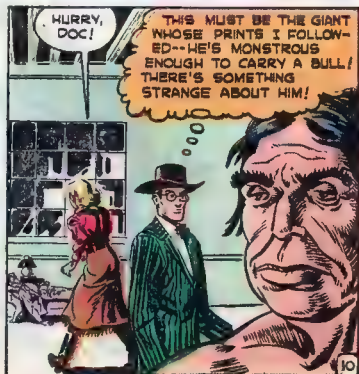




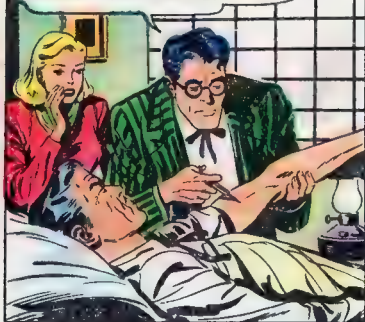
A SHORT TIME LATER MARIE RETURNS WITH DOCTOR MASTERS!

IF THAT PLUG OF YOURS WOULD ONLY MOVE AS A REAL HORSE SHOULD IT WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN US SO LONG TO GET HERE!

I'M SORRY, MARIE! I'M NOT A COWBOY, AND THIS OLD FELLOW IS AS MUCH HORSE AS I CAN MANAGE!

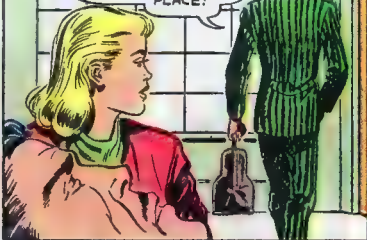


HE'S SUFFERING FROM SOME KIND OF SHOCK--THIS HYPODERMIC WILL HELP OFFSET THE EFFECTS!



UNDER DOCTOR MASTERS' SKILLFUL ADMINISTRATIONS, THE PROFESSOR SHOWS SIGNS OF RECOVERY!

HE'S COMING OUT OF IT, MARIE... YOU STAY WITH HIM WHILE I HAVE A LOOK AROUND THIS PLACE!

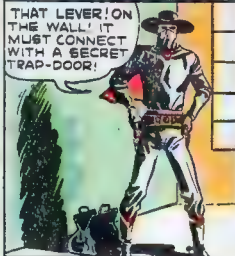


NOW--I'M ALONE! PERHAPS AS THE BLACK RIDER I CAN FIND OUT SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROFESSOR'S EXPERIMENTS!



IN A FEW SHORT SECONDS THE TRANSFORMATION IS COMPLETE, AND IN PLACE OF THE QUIET, MODEST DOCTOR STANDS THE WEST'S MOST INTREPID MAN OF ACTION--THE BLACK RIDER!

THAT LEVER! ON THE WALL! IT MUST CONNECT WITH A SECRET TRAP-DOOR!



BUT AS HE PULLS THE HANDLE, THE FLOOR BENEATH THE BLACK RIDER'S FEET SUDDENLY GIVES WAY!



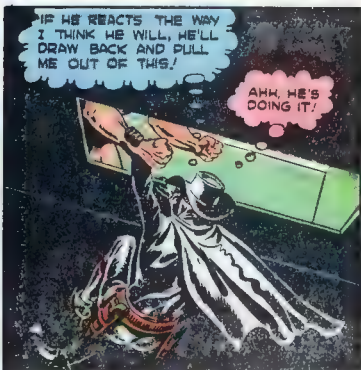
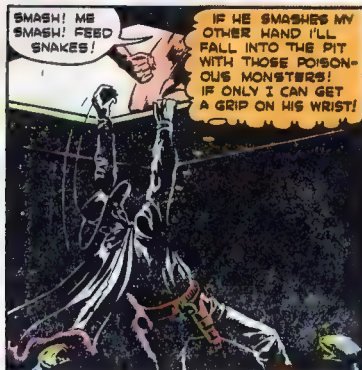
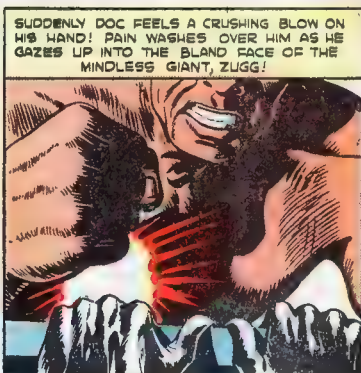
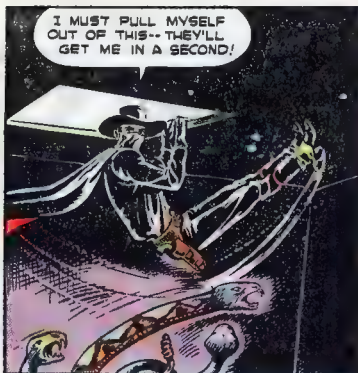
RIGHT UNDER MY FEET! I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED!



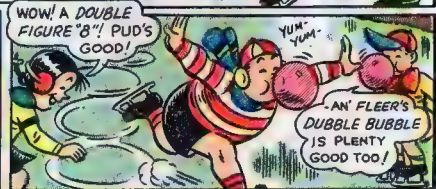
A STRONG REPTILIAN ODOR RISES TO HIS NOSTRILS AND THE VICIOUS SOUND, A THOUSAND TIMES MAGNIFIED, OF...

RATTLERS! GREAT GUNS! MONSTER RATTLERS-- THEY MUST BE THIRTY FEET LONG!





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WHEN IT COMES TO BLOWING BUBBLES, FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE CAN'T BE BEAT!

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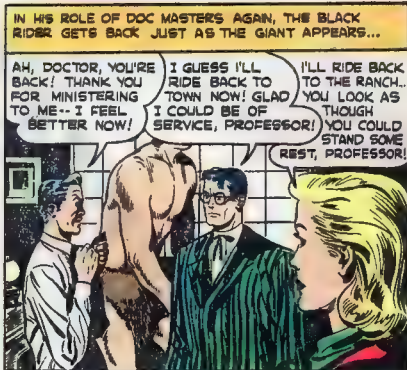


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ZUGG!...
COME HERE,
ZUGG!

MASTER
CALL...MUST
GO TO
MASTER!

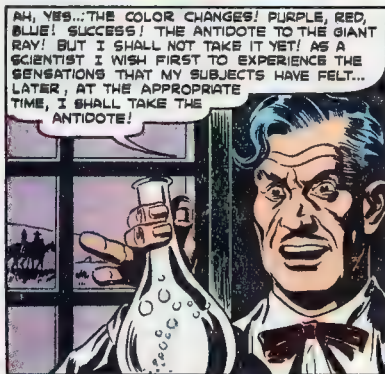


IN HIS ROLE OF DOC MASTERS AGAIN, THE BLACK RIDER GETS BACK JUST AS THE GIANT APPEARS...

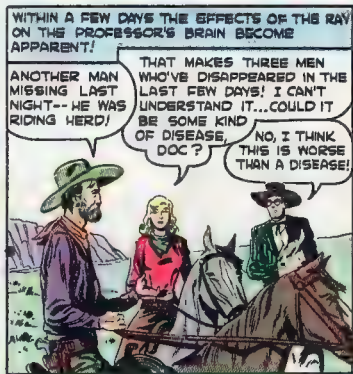
AH, DOCTOR, YOU'RE
BACK! THANK YOU
FOR MINISTERING
TO ME-- I FEEL
BETTER NOW!

I GUESS I'LL
RIDE BACK TO
TOWN NOW! GLAD
I COULD BE OF
SERVICE, PROFESSOR!

I'LL RIDE BACK
TO THE RANCH...
YOU LOOK AS
THOUGH
YOU COULD
STAND SOME
REST, PROFESSOR!



AH, YES...THE COLOR CHANGES! PURPLE, RED,
BLUE! SUCCESS! THE ANTIDOTE TO THE GIANT
RAY! BUT I SHALL NOT TAKE IT YET! AS A
SCIENTIST I WISH FIRST TO EXPERIENCE THE
SENSATIONS THAT MY SUBJECTS HAVE FELT...
LATER, AT THE APPROPRIATE
TIME, I SHALL TAKE THE
ANTIDOTE!

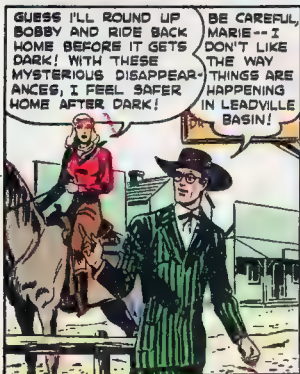


WITHIN A FEW DAYS THE EFFECTS OF THE RAY
ON THE PROFESSOR'S BRAIN BECAME
APPARENT!

ANOTHER MAN
MISSING LAST
NIGHT-- HE WAS
RIDING HERD!

THAT MAKES THREE MEN
WHO'VE DISAPPEARED IN THE
LAST FEW DAYS! I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND IT...COULD IT
BE SOME KIND
OF DISEASE,
DOC?

NO, I THINK
THIS IS WORSE
THAN A DISEASE!



GUESS I'LL ROUND UP
BOBBY AND RIDE BACK
HOME BEFORE IT GETS
DARK! WITH THESE
MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEAR-
ANCES, I FEEL SAFER
HOME AFTER DARK!

BE CAREFUL,
MARIE-- I
DON'T LIKE
THE WAY
THINGS ARE
HAPPENING
IN LEADVILLE
BASIN!



WHAT...?

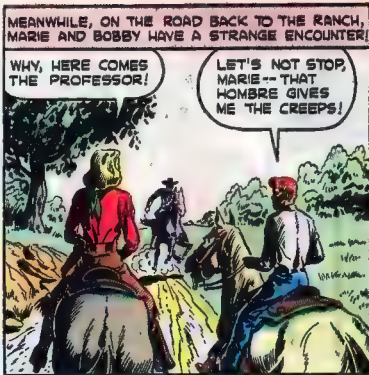


ANOTHER MONSTER MAN!
IF I COULD ONLY GET TO
MY GUNS...!



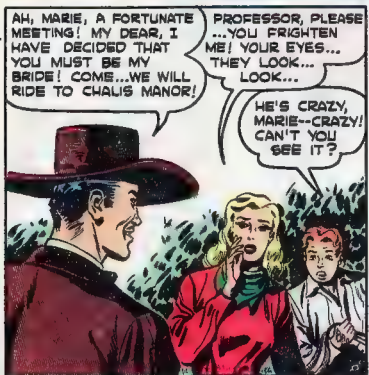
NO, DOC, I WON'T HURT YOU! COME FOR HELP...CAUGHT BY PROFESSOR...HE MADE ME LIKE THIS! HELP ME, DOC... DON'T YOU KNOW ME?

GOOD HEAVENS! THE RED HAIR... THE SCAR... YOU'RE JIM!



WHY, HERE COMES THE PROFESSOR!

LET'S NOT STOP, MARIE-- THAT HOMBRE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!



AH, MARIE, A FORTUNATE MEETING! MY DEAR, I HAVE DECIDED THAT YOU MUST BE MY BRIDE! COME...WE WILL RIDE TO CHALIS MANOR!

PROFESSOR, PLEASE...YOU FRIGHTEN ME! YOUR EYES... THEY LOOK... LOOK...

HE'S CRAZY, MARIE--CRAZY! CAN'T YOU SEE IT?



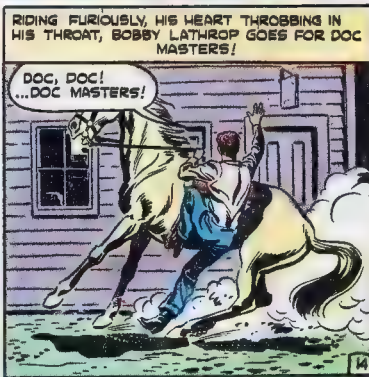
KEEP AWAY FROM ME, YOU MADMAN-- KEEP AWAY!

THAT'S WHAT THEY CALLED ME--MAD! IF I CAN'T HAVE YOU AS WIFE, THEN I SHALL USE YOU IN MY EXPERIMENTS! (I'VE NEVER USED A WOMAN...



IT SHOULD PROVE INTERESTING...VERY INTERESTING! HA-HA-HA!

BOBBY, RIDE FOR HELP! ...HURRY, BOBBY!



RIDING FURIOUSLY, HIS HEART THROBBING IN HIS THROAT, BOBBY LATHROP GOES FOR DOC MASTERS!

DOC, DOC! ...DOC MASTERS!

MENTS AFTER THE DEFORMED GIANT, JIM, LEAVES TO RETURN TO HIS PRISON, DOC HAS NO OTHER CALLER!

DOC! MARIE WAS CAPTURED BY THE PROFESSOR! DOC, HE'S CRAZY... HE SAID HE'S GOING TO USE HER FOR AN EXPERIMENT!

WHAT!? COME IN, BOBBY! THE BLACK RIDER WILL SETTLE THIS BUSINESS TONIGHT!



IN A MOMENT THE MIRACLE HAS BEEN PERFORMED...THE MIRACLE THAT CHANGES THE MEERK, TIMD DOCTOR INTO THE STEEL-SINUED BLACK RIDER!

WAIT HERE FOR ME, BOBBY! IF I'M NOT BACK IN TWO HOURS, ROUSE THE MEN FROM THE RANCH AND COME AFTER ME! MARIE MUST BE SAVED FROM THAT FIEND AT ANY COST!



SWIFTLY THE MILES VANISH UNDER THE THUNDERING HOOPS OF THE SUPERSTALLION! THEN, SOFTLY, THE BLACK RIDER TRAVERSES THE LAST HUNDRED YARDS TO THE WALL SURROUNDING DOCTOR CHALIS' FORTRESS AND PREPARES TO ENTER!

YOU STAY HERE, SATAN-- I'LL TRY TO GET IN WITHOUT BEING DETECTED!



LITHELY THE MAN IN BLACK CLIMBS THE LARIAT...IN THE OMINOUS SILENCE THAT SURROUNDS THE DEADLY PLACE!

THINGS ARE TOO QUIET... I DON'T LIKE IT!



THEN SUDDENLY, AS HE REACHES THE TOP OF THE WALL, HUGE ARMS REACH OUT TO SEIZE HIM AND THE BREATH OF THE MAN-MONSTER FOULLY FANS HIS FACE!



A QUICK, LIGHTNING-LIKE TWIST AND THE BLACK RIDER IS FREE! THEN SILENTLY, THERE ON THE WALL, MAN AND BEAST-MAN ENGAGE IN ANWFUL COMBAT!

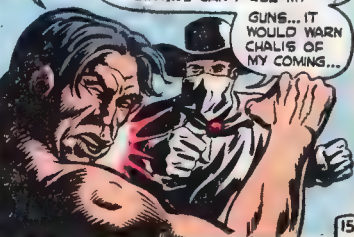


FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE, AND THE LIFE OF THE WOMAN HE LOVES, GIVES ADDED STRENGTH TO THE BLACK RIDER'S ROCK-HARD MUSCLES! WITH A DESPERATE, SLASHING ATTACK HE BEWILDERS THE MINDLESS GIANT!

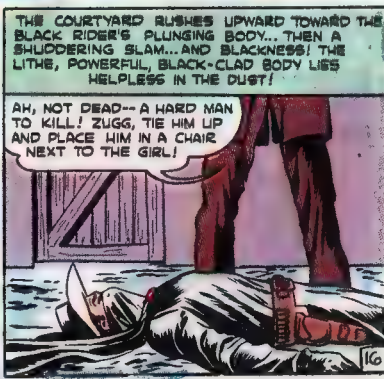
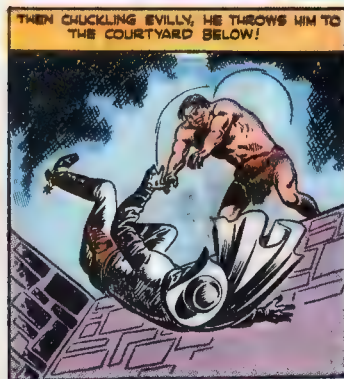
UGH!

I'VE GOT HIM... GOT HIM GOING! IF I CAN ONLY REACH SOME VITAL POINT...I CAN'T USE MY

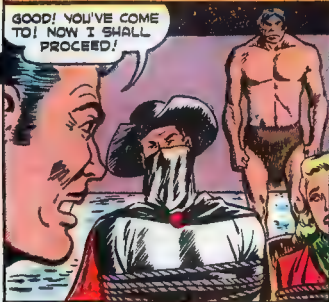
GUNS... IT WOULD WARN CHALIS OF MY COMING...



A BEATEN HULK, THE GIANT STANDS HELPLESS BEFORE HIS VALIANT OPPONENT!

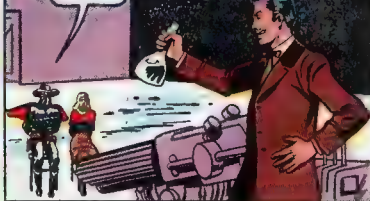


SLOWLY THE MISTS OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS
RAN AWAY, AND THE BLACK RIDER RETURNS
TO THE PAIN AND PERIL OF THE PRESENT!

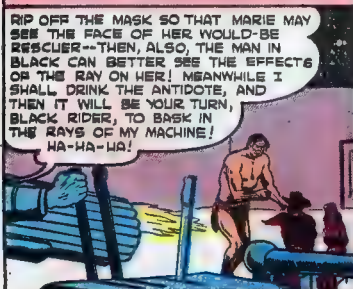


STOP, CHALIS! DON'T BE A FOOL!
WHAT GOOD WILL ALL THIS DO YOU?
LOOK AT YOURSELF--YOU'RE
A VICTIM OF YOUR OWN RAY--
SOON YOU'LL BE NOTHING BUT
A MINDLESS HULK LIKE THE
REST OF YOUR EXPERIMENTS!
YOU'VE INFECTED YOURSELF
WITH YOUR MONSTROUS
FOLLY!

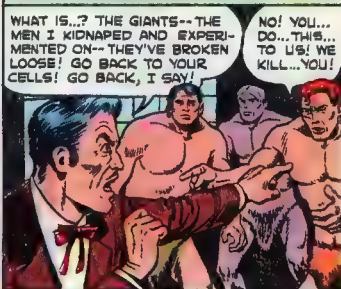
AH, NO, MY
FRIEND! I
HOLD HERE
IN THIS BOTTLE
THE ANTIDOTE
FOR THE EFFECTS
OF THE GIANT
RAY!



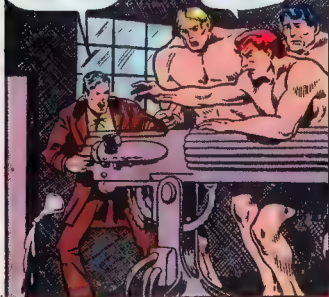
THE DEADLY RAY REACHES OUT EXPLORING
FINGERS TOWARD THE FORM OF THE GIRL, AS
THE BLACK RIDER WATCHES, TWISTING IN HIS
BONDS IN HELPLESS AGONY!



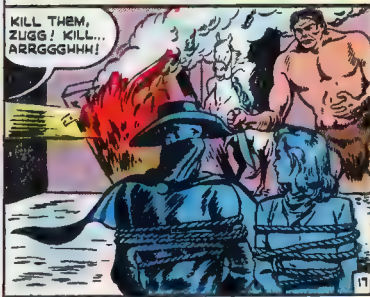
AS THE TAUNTING WORDS LEAVE CHALIS' LIPS
A CRASH SHAKES THE COURTYARD, A HEAVY
DOOR SLAMS TO TINDER, AND OUT OF THEIR
PRISON MARCH...



THE MACHINE!
I MUST TURN
IT ON THEM
AND...NO! NO!



UNDER THE RAY'S BLAST, THE HEAVY OUTSIDE
DOOR FALLS IN A MASS OF CHARRED WOOD,
AND THROUGH THE GAP LEAPS THE BLACK RIDER'S
WHITE MOUNT!





MASTER SAY
KILL--ME KILL!



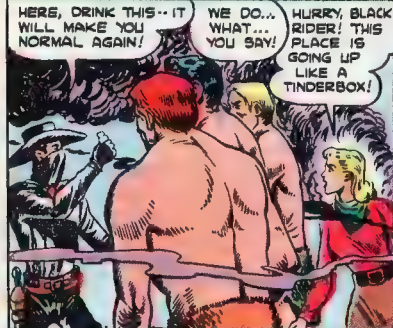
GOOD BOY,
SATAN!

THE GLITTERING BLADE BE-
GINS ITS DOWNWARD PLUNGE,
BUT IN THE MIDDLE OF ITS
LETHAL ARC A GLEAMING
WHITE FURY ATTACKS!



UNTIE ME, OL' FELLER--
QUICKLY! THIS PLACE IS
A FURNACE, AND IF WE
DON'T GET OUT IN A
HURRY WE'LL NEVER
GET OUT!

THE INTELLIGENT STALLION SOON FREES HIS
MASTER!

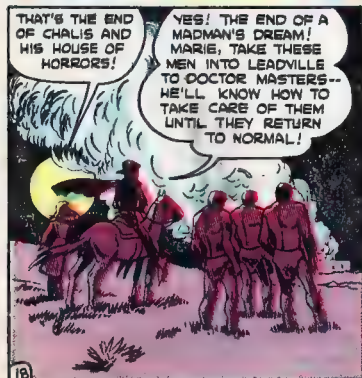


HERE, DRINK THIS--IT
WILL MAKE YOU
NORMAL AGAIN!

WE DO...
WHAT...
YOU SAY!

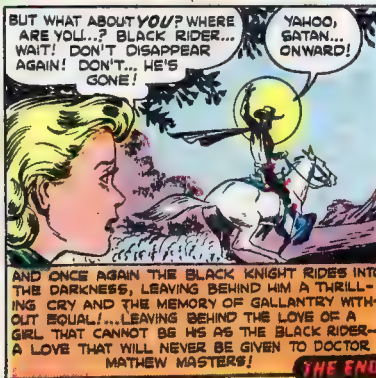
HURRY, BLACK
RIDER! THIS
PLACE IS
GOING UP
LIKE A
TINDERBOX!

THROUGH FLAMES AND SMOKE THEY LEAVE
THE HORRIBLE PLACE!



THAT'S THE END
OF CHALIS AND
HIS HOUSE OF
HORRORS!

YES! THE END OF A
MADMAN'S DREAM!
MARIE, TAKE THESE
MEN INTO LEADVILLE
TO DOCTOR MASTERS--
HE'LL KNOW HOW TO
TAKE CARE OF THEM
UNTIL THEY RETURN
TO NORMAL!



BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHERE
ARE YOU...? BLACK RIDER...
WAIT! DON'T DISAPPEAR
AGAIN! DON'T... HE'S
GONE!

YAHOO,
SATAN...
ONWARD!

AND ONCE AGAIN THE BLACK KNIGHT RIDES INTO
THE DARKNESS, LEAVING BEHIND HIM A THRILL-
ING CRY AND THE MEMORY OF GALLANTRY WITH-
OUT EQUAL!...LEAVING BEHIND THE LOVE OF A
GIRL THAT CANNOT BE HIS AS THE BLACK RIDER--
A LOVE THAT WILL NEVER BE GIVEN TO DOCTOR
MATHEW MASTERS!

THE END

THE STORY OF BULLET BEN



"I'M Bullet Ben, the deadliest desperado and outlaw that ever made a pair of six-shooters sing!"

That wuz jes' the way that Bullet Ben introduced himself to Tombstone over 60 years ago. I know, 'cause I wuz thar an' can tell yuh all 'bout Bullet Ben.

This Bullet Ben feller, he wuz jes' 'bout the durn prettiest cuss I did ever squint a peeper at. He had long, corn-yellow hair that fell over his broad shoulders like a golden kerchief. An' his clothes were the cleanest and fanciest duds in all the West.

Bullet Ben's crop of canary-colored hair was usually topped by a white, sugarloaf sombrero, and he wore embroidered silk shirts. He sure did like to hear the jangle of his spurs when he walked, so his high-heeled boots were all equipped with the biggest and clangiest pair of spurs that ever kicked up the dust in Tombstone. The complete outfit was finished off with a deadly pair of six-guns hanging from a silver-studded belt.

When Bullet Ben first rode into Tombstone, he made it known to all that he was the most famous gunman to ever ride into that booming silver town. An' folks believed him, too. Bullet Ben scared 'em an' he puzzled 'em, 'cause he was the first killer the Tombstone folks had ever heard of that recited poetry and possessed the manners of a true gentleman.

As the folks got used to seein' him around and listenin' to his bloody tales of roaring six-shooters and daring stage hold-

ups, they grew kinda skeptical. An' they had a durn good right to be. Seems that all of Bullet Ben's shootin' wuz bein' done with his mouth. Nobody had ever seen him in action. Matter of fact, nobody had even heard of him before he came a-trottin' into Tombstone.

Doc Holliday, the good-bad-man of Tombstone, and Wyatt Earp, the United States deputy marshal, were asked if they had, in all their days, heard of a famous desperado called Bullet Ben. Nope . . . they never heard of him . . . an' if them two boys never heard of him, then there wuz no such outlaw!

One night, Bullet Ben wuz over at the Alhambra saloon, tellin' some of his smoky stories to a bunch of the boys. The long bar wuz lined with all kinds of critters. Cattle thieves were drinking with merchants; gamblers brushed elbows with rich miners; stage robbers back-slapped hard-working citizens. Faro chips clattered at the circular tables and spinning roulette wheels hummed their temptin' tunes. Fortunes in silver changed hands at the flip of a card!

Well, as I wuz sayin' . . . Bullet Ben wuz tellin' a hair-raisin' episode 'bout how he out-drawed and dropped four bush-whackin' coyotes in Deming one day. The words wuz fallin' off his tongue like he wuz recitin' a magazine story. All of a sudden like, the butterfly doors of the Alhambra slammed open and in staggered a cowpoke wavin' a pair of six-shooters as

if they wuz hot potatoes.

"I'm a-gunnin' for that dude-slick desperado, gents!" the bull-faced hombre roars out, twirlin' and spinnin' his irons on his index fingers. The big hall hushed down so that you could hear a drink bein' poured.

"Whar be he, coyotes?" the gunman insisted. Nobody answered. He spun the guns 'round his fingers once more, then clipped back the hammers and raised the smokepoles. The guns barked in rapid succession and with each roar one of the lanterns in the hall popped out. Bolts of lightning flashed and six-gun thunder rumbled in the darkness. Then there wuz quiet.

When the new lanterns wuz brought out and lit, Bullet Ben had made tracks. That wuz the last Tombstone saw of the gentlemanly, poetry-spoutin', self-made outlaw.

Bullet Ben was next heard of in Galeyville. He wuz walkin' down the street one fine sun-blazin' day, smokin' a cigar, when . . . WHAMBO! . . . there's a blast and the stogie jumps outta his mouth like a bat out of Hades.

Bullet Ben's face turned white. He looked across the street, an' there in front of the saloon sat a big burly feller, shakin' with laughter and holdin' a smokin' six-shooter.

"My name's Bullet Ben, famous outlaw and desperado, stranger. That was a dollar corona you just clipped from my lip." Bullet Ben was scared, but managed not to sound unnerved.

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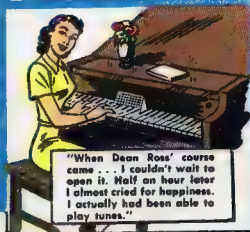
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"Howdy, Goldielocks," sez the stranger as he lifted his sombrero, releasing a shock of black curly hair. "Sheriffs call me Curly Bill."

"Curly Bill!" shouted Bullet Ben with surprise and admiration. "Not the most famous outlaw in all Arizona?"

"Yup," answered the scourge of the Arizona ranges. "That's me."

"I'd consider it an honor and a privilege if you'd let me join your band of outlaws, Curly."

It was easy to see that Curly Bill liked the golden-haired hombre right off the bat. Curly got up, slapped Ben on the shoulder and said, "You're a member, Goldiel Let's go in and sign the deal with a couple of drinks." Later that evening it was indeed a proud Bullet Ben that rode out of Galeyville, side by side with the most notorious bandit he had ever met.

After that alliance, Bullet Ben would parade up and down the streets with his sombrero tilted and his mouth curled down in his best badman sneer. When he entered a saloon, he'd slam his fist down on the bar and yell, "I'm Bullet Ben! One of Curly Bill's outlaws! Pour me some of that miserable snake juice you call whisky and make it pronto!"

Yep, Bullet Ben carried on that way for quite some time, an' he impressed a heap of folks, but he failed to impress one man . . . himself. Curly Bill thought that Ben was too dog-gone pretty to get all mussed up going on raidin' and robbin' escapades. So he kept Ben at the gang's ranch house doing the cooking, sewing and other household chores. When the gang came back all shot up, Bullet Ben was waiting at the

ranch to remove the slugs and nurse the boys back to their plundering prowess.

The fame and lustre of being "one of Curly Bill's outlaws" began to lose its shine for Bullet Ben after a spell. The thought of being the only outlaw without a lawless deed to truthfully boast about, made Bullet Ben ashamed of himself. Curly Bill and the other saddle sneaks rode out on cattle raids across the Mexican border; they robbed gold shipments; they plundered smuggler trains and shot up towns . . . but Bullet Ben had to stay home among the



pots and pans. It was enough to make any honest outlaw commit murder. An' that was exactly what Bullet Ben wanted to do. Murder, or any other transgression that would make him an outlaw in his own eyes.

So, Bullet Ben committed his crime. He mustered his courage, donned his most ferocious desperado scowl, and stole an ol' broken down nag. When he trotted into Shakespeare, a small mining town, proudly leading his loot down the street, he and the horse were instantly recognized. Sheriff Hank Had-

don was called and he quietly took Bullet Ben away to the jailhouse.

Now it jes' happened that a real badman, a rannie called Sandy, was being tried at that time fer shootin' up the town. The citizens were holdin' the trial in the eatin' room of the local hotel. When the meetin' wuz called to order, one of the members of the Citizens' Committee sez, "While we're holdin' court on this trigger happy yoot, let's judge the yellow-haired hoss thief that Sheriff Hank Haddon jes' run in."

The sad-faced, handsome Bullet Ben was brought in. He stood silent and still; straight as a reed he was. The usual smile wuz missin' from Ben's face but in his steel-blue eyes there wuz a glint of satisfaction. The trial started and ended quicker than a man could draw his sixgun. The verdict? Hangin'!

Two ropes were heaved over the rafters of the dining room. For his last request Sandy asked for a good stiff drink. When they asked Bullet Ben what he wanted before they strung him up, he didn't say a word, jes' shook that topaz crop of his . . . no last request.

Eight men lined up at the other end of each rope. At a signal both ropes were yanked. Both men sailed half way up to the ceiling and swung there until they were dead.

An' that's the true tale of Bullet Ben. In life he wanted to be an outlaw . . . in death he was one. An' I know that the story is true . . . I know it as sure as my is Hank Haddon.

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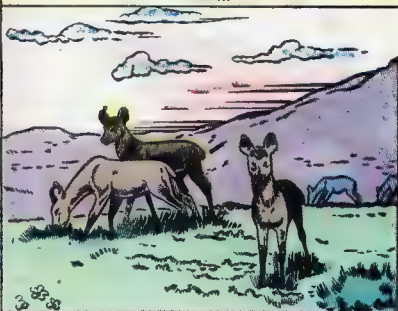
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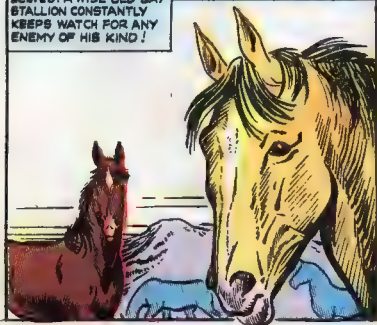
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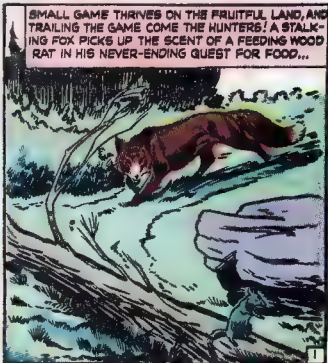
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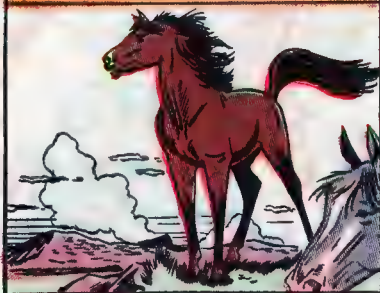
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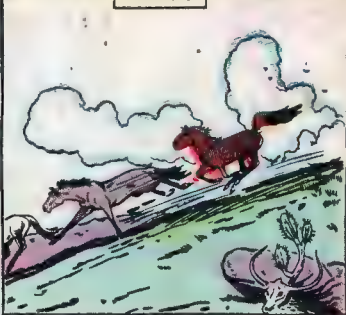
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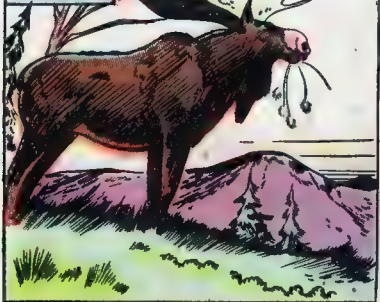
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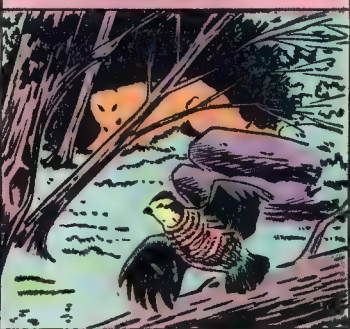
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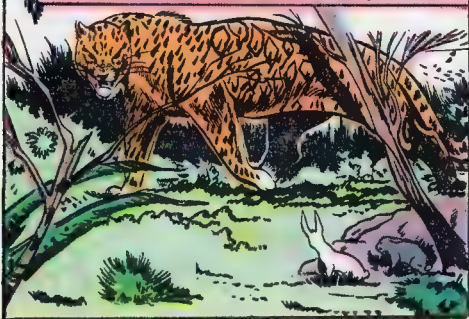
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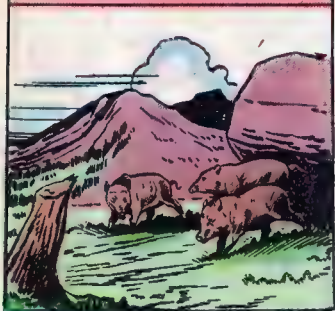
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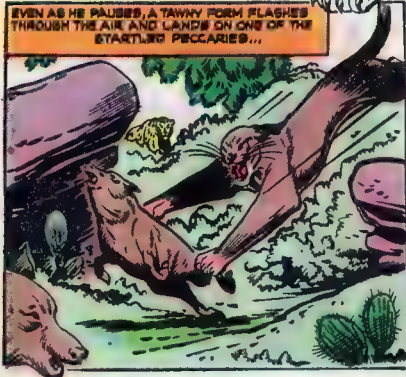
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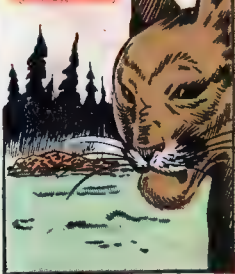
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